

Official Candidate Statement

Janene Margaret Driscoll, Candidate for City Council Seat B – 3-Year Term Ending 2025

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Biographical

My Gustavus connection reaches back to 1984 when I worked for Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC) and provided Speech and Language Services at the Gustavus School. I spent summers in Gustavus and in 2000 I moved here full time and worked for Glacier Bay National Park. My first involvement with volunteering in Gustavus was as a member of the Landfill Committee where I wrote, received and administered grants that purchased the compost infrastructure, the glass crusher and scale that are still in use today.

Because early childhood education and quality childcare are important to me, I served as a non-parent member of the Gustavus Rookery board for 10 years. The Rookery operated successfully until the Covid pandemic forced its closure. During the pandemic the Rookery Board procured funding to be used as startup funds should it open in the future.

I am co-founder of the Gustavus Community Garden and have played an active role as one of the coordinators of the garden since 2008. I also played a role in starting the Community Root Cellar.

Advocacy Statement

Gustavus is an amazingly unique place to live and work. I hope to use my communication and organizational skills to be part of the team that

- Listens to and understands the diverse views of the community
- Promotes Gustavus as a healthy and sustainable community
- Understands the workings of the City Government and works with the City Staff to plan for the future while managing the needs of today